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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: IGS WINTER SCHEDULE

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1. PAA OFFICIAL GALLAGHER CALLED AUGUST 14 TO REPORT THAT BA HAD DECIDED TO MAKE PRESS STATEMENT REGARDING WINTER SCHEDULES AT 1:00 P.M. THAT AFTERNOON. BA DECISION FLOWED FROM EARLIER PAA ACTION INFORMING ITS WORKS COUNCIL THAT REDUCED WINTER SCHEDULES WOULD NOT RESULT IN PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS. BA DID THE SAME AND THEN FELT IT NECESSARY TO RELEASE PREVIOUSLY COORDINATED PAA/BA PRESS STATEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR RELEASE AFTER CAA AND BCATAG PROCEDURES CONCLUDED. GALLAGHER SAID HE WAS RELUCTANT TO GO ALONG WITH PREMATURE PRESS RELEASE BUT BELIEVED HE WOULD HAVE TO IN ORDER TO PROTECT PAA'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS ITS AGENTS. HE PROMISED TO RUSH SUBMISSION OF PAA'S NEW SCHEDULE EVEN THOUGH IT WAS STILL IN DRAFT.

2. EMB CAA CHECKED WITH BRITISH CAA WHO SAID HE HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUST RECEIVED BA'S SCHEDULE. HE AGREED THAT PRESS

RELEASE AT THIS POINT WAS UNDESIRABLE AND UNDERTOOK TO DISSUADE BA. WHEN THIS PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL, IT WAS AGREED (WITH FRENCH CONCURRENCE) THAT THE AIRLINES WOULD BE ASKED TO ALTER THEIR RELEASE TO INDICATE CLEARLY THAT WINTER SCHEDULE (AND MINOR CHANGES TO THE EXISTING SUMMER SCHEDULE) WAS PROPOSED AND SUBJECT TO CAA APPROVAL. EMB CAA INFORMED GALLAGHER WHO AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT LANGUAGE ALONG THESE LINES WITH BA.

3. EMB CAA ADVISED ACTING FONOFF BCATAG REP MAASS OF THE ABOVE POINTING OUT THAT AIRLINE'S ACTION WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR BCATAG CONSIDERATION OF IGS SCHEDULES. MAASS SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR PROMPT ADVICE AND PROMISED TO BE BACK IN TOUCH IF THE FRG HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT. EMBASSY RECEIVED THE TEXT OF THE PRESS RELEASE AUGUST 15, AND NOTED THAT WORDING DID NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE REFERENCE TO PENDING OFFICIAL APPROVAL. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THE COMBINED BA/PAA SCHEDULE (NOT YET RECEIVED) ISSUED WITH THE RELEASE DID INCLUDE SUCH A STATEMENT.

4. CAAS HAVE JUST RECEIVED SEPARATE SCHEDULES FROM BOTH CARRIERS AND WILL MEET TO REVIEW THEM IN TERMS OF CONFORMITY TO EACH AIRLINE'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE AGREED ARRANGEMENT AND IMPACT ON TRAVELING PUBLIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. COPIES OF COMBINED SCHEDULE AND SEPARATE PAA AND BA SUBMISSIONS WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION: EUR/CE AND EB/OA.

5. COMMENT: TIMING AND TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE IS UNFORTUNATE; HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE PAA HAD LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO GO ALONG WITH SOME FORM OF A STATEMENT GIVEN THE POSITION BA ADOPTED.

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